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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

NEW ZEALAND'S FINE LOYALTY.

EXPENDING £300,000 A MONTH AND ANXIOUS
TO DO MORE.

Zeppelin Drops Bombs on Calais.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK IN THE CHANNEL.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Another British Steamer Torpedoed.

March 18, 10.25 p.m.
The Glasgow steamer Glenartney, proceeding from Bangkok to London with a cargo of rice, was torpedoed in the Channel at three o'clock this morning, and sank within half an hour.

The crew was landed at Newhaven by a destroyer. One apprentice was drowned.

[The Glenartney, 4,900 tons, was built in 1911 at Glasgow, by Messrs. C. Connell and Co., Ltd., and was the property of the Caledonia Steamship Company, Ltd.]

New Zealand's Fervent Loyalty.

March 18, 4.20 p.m.
At Wellington the Premier of New Zealand, in the course of a speech, said that the war expenditure of the Dominion was three hundred thousand pounds monthly. Nevertheless he doubted if New Zealand was doing enough. Consequently, if the Imperial Government would indicate in what manner they could do more, the Government and people of New Zealand would be glad to acquiesce.

Austro-Servian Exchange of Civilian Prisoners.

Reuter's correspondent at Nish states that Serbia and Austria have arranged for an exchange of civilian prisoners—all females, and males under eighteen and over fifty.

Belgian Artillery Active.

March 18, 5.15 p.m.

A Paris communique states:—
The Belgians continue to progress on the Yser. Belgian artillery bombarded German convoys.

Villages Bombarded.

There have been artillery actions from the Lys to the Oise. The enemy particularly bombarded the spur at Notre Dame de Lorette and the villages of Caron and Maricourt.

There is nothing to report in the Champagne region. A French aviator dropped bombs on the railway station at Conflans.

Bombs Dropped on Calais.

March 19, 12.40 a.m.

A Paris evening communique states:—
A Zeppelin has dropped bombs on Calais, killing seven station employees.

Further Progress.

In Champagne we progressed appreciably west, north and east of the ridge to the north-east of Mesnil. A German counter-attack was repulsed.

We captured two trenches in Consenvoye wood, north of Verdun.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Sir John French's Report.

(Official Telegram from the British Foreign Office.)

March 18.
Field Marshal French reports as follows:—Capture of village L'Epinette to east Armentieres advances British line this region by 300 yards on front 800. Fighting in Neuve Chapelle area very severe on 12th, when strong counter-attack by Germans was defeated and 612 more prisoners taken. Counter-attacks continued on next day, but nowhere did Germans regain ground. Prisoners in hands British since 10th number 1,700, of whom 30 officers. Judging from number dead Germans found their losses cannot fall short of 17,000 to 18,000. During evening 14th, Germans rushed some of our trenches to south St. Eloi, after heavy bombardment and explosion of mine. Greater part these trenches recaptured this morning. Airmen have successfully bombarded Don and Douai.

French Reports.

(Official Telegram from French Government, via Peking.)

March 18.
On the 16th all German counter-attacks against the trenches conquered the day before, north of Arras, failed. The bombardment of Soissons and Rheims was resumed. French troops carried an important ridge north of Mesnil, and repulsed several counter-attacks in Argonne.

(Havas Telegram.)

March 17.
French Government Stock now stands at Fr. 71.05. We repulsed counter-attacks north of Arras and again in Argonne. We carried in Champagne, on a 500 metres front, an important ridge.

A French aviator bombarded the barracks at Colmar. The German collier ship Macedonia, which was supplying the German Atlantic corsairs, and which was captured and brought to Las Palmas in October last, escaped during the night.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

The Allies' Progress.

March 17, 5.10 p.m.

Says a Paris communique:—The Belgians have made fresh progress and have also repelled a counter-attack.

There has been fairly violent artillery firing on the British front. The Germans made another abortive counter-attack on the spur of Notre Dame de Lorette. The enemy again bombarded Soissons and Rheims, two shells striking Rheims Cathedral.

We captured, to the north of Mesnil, along a front of five hundred metres, an important eminence. Several German attacks were made between Rolans and the Four-de-Paris.

A French aviator has bombed the barracks at Colmar, in Upper Alsace.

Sir Edward Grey and America.

March 17, 10.45 p.m.

Correspondence which has passed between Sir Edward Grey and the United States Ambassador is published.

Regarding sea warfare, Sir Edward Grey, replying to enquiries, emphasises the fact that Great Britain and France only instituted the blockade of German ports by a cruiser cordon in reply to the German attempt to prevent supplies reaching Britain and France.

The Franco-British measure, Sir Edward says, is a natural consequence of Germany's unprecedented methods, which are repugnant to all the laws of morality.

Germans Again Cut Up by Mitrailleuse Firing.

March 18, 1.55 a.m.

A Paris evening communique says:—German attacks made in the region of Arras and Albert for the purpose of regaining lost ground have been repulsed.

We continued our progress in Champagne and in the woods between Perthes and Soisson.

The enemy, realising the importance of the position we had won on the ridge north of Mesnil, violently counter-attacked this morning, a Landwehr regiment, stiffened by Prussian Guards, leading the way. Our mitrailleuses mowed down the Germans, few of whom regained the trenches. Our gains in Argonne and at Vauquois have been consolidated.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

Germans Using Forty-Year Old Guns.

March 18, 2.20 a.m.
A Petrograd communique says that the Russian offensive on both banks of the Orzic is progressing against a stubborn resistance. Seventeen guns have been captured.

The Germans on several parts of the front are employing old bullets and guns of the 1873 model. Fresh units fire wildly and parties frequently surrender before they have begun to fight. The marshes are impassable and the rivers on the left of the Vistula are in flood.

The enemy's fire on the fortress of Ossowiec is weakening.

Another Small British Vessel Sunk.

March 18, 2.20 a.m.
A message from Massaluis reports that the German submarine U28 sank the British steamer Leeuwarden, four miles from the Maas lightship (near the Hook of Holland). The crew was saved. [The Leeuwarden, 374 tons, belonged to the General Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., and was built in Middlesbrough in 1903.]

H. A. L. Boat Reported Captured.

March 18, 8 a.m.
The Daily Mail publishes a telegram from its correspondent in Madrid to the effect that a British cruiser has captured the liner Macedonia.

[The Hamburg-Amerika liner Macedonia, 4,312 tons gross, was built by Messrs. C. S. Swan and Hunter, Ltd., of Newcastle, in 1900.]

Dardanelles Casualties.

March 18, 6 a.m.
The Admiralty announces the latest casualties in the operations at the Dardanelles.

H.M.S. Amethyst has lost twenty-three killed, including thirteen stokers; and thirty-seven wounded. The mine-sweepers have lost three killed and two wounded.

SILK TRADE AND THE WAR.

Markets for British Goods.

The silk industry of England has long been in an unsatisfactory condition. Our net imports of raw silk, knubs, &c., which averaged £4,800,000 per annum in the decade 1865-74, amounted in 1913 to only £1,200,000. On the other hand, our net imports of manufactures of silk increased during the same period from £10,230,000 to £12,700,000. While our imports of silk manufactures have been growing at so rapid a pace our exports of manufactures have remained practically stationary, the figures for 1913—£1,705,000—being rather less than the average for the previous forty years. These exports compare very unfavourably with Germany's exports of similar goods, which in 1912 amounted in value to £9,042,860. This country has been by a long way Germany's best customer for silk goods, no less than £3,207,250 worth having been exported by that country to the United Kingdom in 1912. This is nearly three times as much as is taken by the United States, the next largest market. Our exports of silks to Germany have been comparatively insignificant, amounting in 1913 to no more than £150,000. One effect of the war, then, is that Germany loses a very large and profitable market, for which she can gain no compensation elsewhere, while we lose a very small market, for which we shall be compensated many times over by supplying our home market with British instead of German-made silks.

Blow to Germany's Industry.
The loss of the United Kingdom market does not by any means represent the whole of Germany's lost trade, most of which may well be captured by British manufacturers. There are other British markets of considerable importance from which Germany, by her own action, has cut herself off. Thus British India took from Germany, in 1912, silk goods to the value £141,700; Canada took £143,850 worth; Australia and New Zealand

£85,700 worth; British South and West Africa, £18,350 worth; and the Straits Settlements, £14,450. Germany's trade with the other allied nations, too, has gone by the board, and there will be no disposition on their part to resume it when the war is over if similar goods can be obtained from any other source. In 1912 Germany exported to France silk goods to the value of £836,100; to Belgium, £233,800; to Russia, £238,250; to Serbia, £13,200; and to Japan, £8,250. The loss of these markets to Germany must obviously be a great blow to her silk industry, while it offers invaluable opportunities to British silk manufacturers to capture the trade of the enemy and replace German goods by British.

British Opportunities.
Next to this country, Germany's largest individual customer has been the United States, to which market she sent £1,155,900 worth of silk goods in 1912. But her merchant ships can no longer cross the Atlantic in safety, and so that large market is practically closed to German goods. In the great South American States, also, Germany's silk trade is at a standstill. To the Argentine market Germany sent in 1912, £253,400 worth of silk manufactures; to Brazil, £190,100 worth; to Chili, £70,850 worth; to Uruguay, £40,150 worth; to Columbia, £33,450 worth; and to Peru, £25,700 worth. To all these markets our own exports of silk have been relatively small. A golden opportunity now occurs for easily increasing them. Germany can no longer supply the wants of these States, but the demand for silk goods has not decreased, and must be supplied from some source. Is there any good reason why it should not be supplied by British looms and British workers? It is for British manufacturers, backed by every encouragement and aid the Government can offer, to decide. We believe that the Government are fully alive to the importance of the present situation. British silk manufacturers have so good a case to present that we trust the Government will grant them every possible help in extending their business both at home and in overseas markets.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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NEWS.

The Criminal Sessions were continued to-day.

Further Notes on the Crisis appear on page 4.

The subscriptions to the Prince of Wales' Fund in Hongkong now total £257,733.78.

General news and an article headed "British Defeat of the Turks" appear on page 3.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2. Commercial News on page 9 and Log Book on page 8.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Performances at the French Convent—4 p.m.

Entries close for H. K. Cricket Club Tennis Tournaments.

Wednesday, March 24.
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Ordinary Annual Meeting—noon.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Ordinary Annual Meeting—12.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 25.
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., General Meeting—noon.

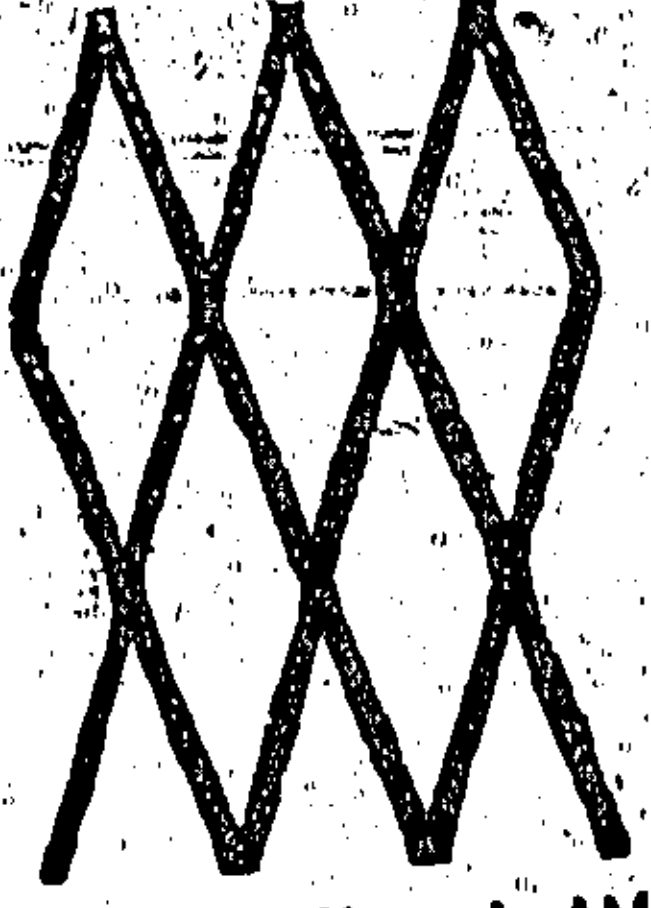
Wednesday, March 31.
The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary annual meeting of shareholders—11 a.m.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., ordinary annual meeting of shareholders—noon.

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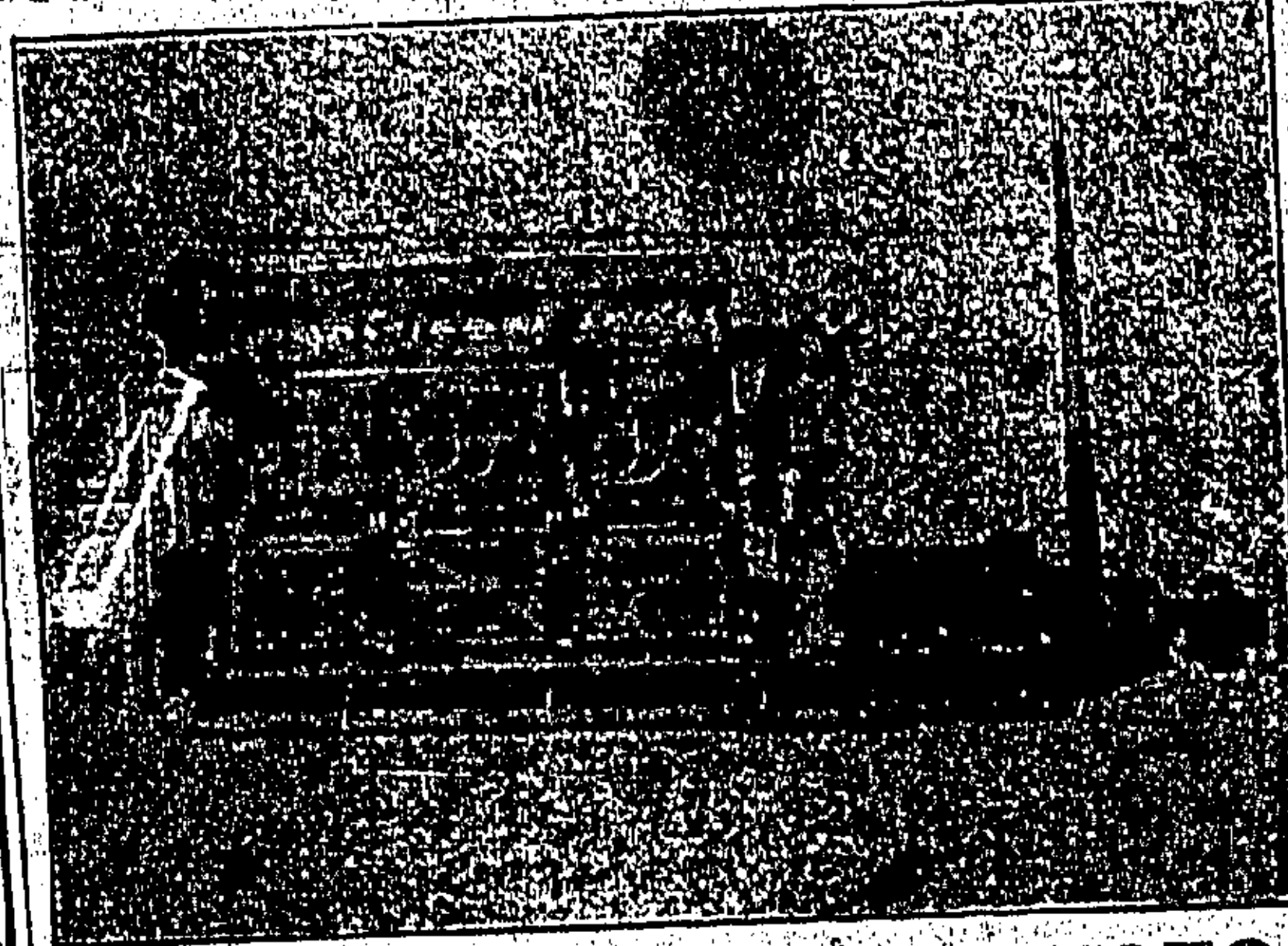
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to have been rather more active
than usual in the Colony. Whether
this is due to an increasing
contempt for authority or to in-
creasing poverty—and either ex-
planation may arise from the
present state of matters—it
would be hard to say. But whether
insolence or hard times is re-
sponsible, it is imperative that the
evil should be speedily checked.
The reason, in this case, matters
much less than does the result.
Snatching from women is
always likely to be an offence
more or less prevalent, especially
in less frequented places, because
women themselves often con-
tribute to the practice by carrying
bags which are a temptation to
the snatcher, alike by reason of
their hanging loosely and of their
being carelessly handled. But
when daring attacks are made
upon men, not in outlying spots
only, but actually in the centre of
the city, it is full time that stern
repressive measures were adopted.

Daily Press.

Japan and China.

"If there is any reason to sup-
pose that the negotiations between
Japan and China cannot be
settled by diplomatic methods,
and if there is any prospect of
developments that may impair the
independence and integrity of
China, then, no doubt, consulta-
tions will take place to see how
what is due to Japan can be
secured without impairing the
independence and integrity of
China, which is one of the objects
of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance."
In the face of that statement we
do not see how Japan can continue
to press, for example, her de-
mand that Japanese shall be ex-
clusively appointed as Advisers
in the political, financial and
military affairs of the country, or
that the control of the police in
important strategic centres of
China should be given over to her
hands. There is no denying the
contention advanced on behalf of
the Chinese that this in principle
would be to yield to Japan the
effective control of the public life
of China, and having regard to
the hostility to the general body
of Japan's demands which is
manifested throughout China, it
is not very obvious how Japan
can reconcile this demand with
a sincere desire for the preserva-
tion of the peace of the Far East,
which purports to be the funda-
mental purpose of the Anglo-
Japanese Alliance.

China Mail.

The Armoured Train in Warfare.

The use of the armoured train—
which is, indeed, much more like
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appearance in actual warfare.
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ing more extensively used than
at present and never before has
it justified the large amount ex-
pended upon it and of the hopes
entertained in its efficacy as a pow-
erful weapon. The great European
conflict is a record breaker in more
than one respect. Railways have, of
course, always played an impor-
tant part in modern warfare, but
until the present war never had
trains of cars participated in
actual battle. How important a
role that of the armoured train
has been in France and Belgium,
and to what a high degree of per-
fection its construction and equip-
ment have been carried, are told
by V. Forbin in an article con-
tributed to *La Nature* (Paris).
Hereafter, we learn, the armoured
train and its crew are to play a
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GENERAL NEWS.

Holland's Money Matters.

The sum of £11,000,000 voted for mobilisation expenses in the Second Chamber in Holland is nearly spent, and will not be sufficient in any case if demobilisation is not ordered before April 1. The burden is a heavy one for a nation of fewer than six million people.

A Singapore Wedding.

The marriage arranged between A. J. Ferguson, Singapore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald Ferguson, Mitchell, and grandson of the late Very Rev. John Ferguson, Dean of Moray and Ross, and Constance Allen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Dalhousie, Elgin, will take place at Singapore at the end of April.

Chinese Students in Paris.

According to Chinese students who have recently returned to the East, there have never been so many Chinese studying in Paris as at the present time. The majority attend the courses of the College of Political and Social Science, but a fairly large number are reading for the b. A. Altogether they are estimated to number about 300.

Italian Tribute to Great Britain.

The *Corriere della Sera* has recently been publishing a series of articles from the pen of an Italian professor, in which the greatest admiration is expressed for Great Britain. One article concludes with the following message: "If we Italians desire to keep the wish of being one day the creators of a new and more perfect civilisation we need that the most perfect and free forms of political organisation of the world should be strengthened, and among these none is more marvellous, more spontaneous, more living and adoptable, or more calculated to arouse our emulation and envy than the British Empire."

F.M.S. Chamber of Mines.

Iphig, March 7, 4.55 p.m.—The annual meeting of the F.M.S. Chamber of Mines was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. F. E. Mair, the retiring president, paid a tribute to the assistance rendered by Government to the industry at a very critical time, and he particularly expressed the thanks of the Chamber to the Resident in Perak and the Protector of Chinese for the services they had rendered the Chamber. Mr. Alma Baker was elected president. Mr. R. P. Brash vice president. The Council was elected as follows: (Perak), Messrs. Attenborough, Foo Choo Choon, Cheah Kee Ee, Alma Baker, E. F. Vallentine, Brash, M. S. Dawbarn, H. F. Nutter, E. Tong Sen, J. Bay, (Selangor) J. A. Russell, A. A. Hengzeler, Luke Chow Thye, (Negri Sembilan) C. C. W. Lidell. —*Straits Times*

The Kohinoor.

The first owner of the famous Kohinoor, or "Mountain of Light," diamond was, according to legend, the "Mahabharata," who is said to have carried the great stone some 5,000 years ago. The Kohinoor, brought to England from India six years ago, and presented to Queen Victoria the following July, made its first authentic appearance in history in the fourteenth century, when a blood-diamond carried it to Delhi. At that time it was said to have weighed 793 carats. It appeared in the great diamond market of Goicanda in 1550. The lack of kill of a Venetian lapidary, Mortenago Borghese, reduced its weight to 279 carats. After the sack of Delhi in 1739 the diamond went to Afghanistan, and it belonged in turn to several Afghan rulers. Thence it came into the possession of the Sikh chief, Runjeet Singh. Upon the abdication of the last ruler of the Punjab, and the annexation of his dominion to the British empire, in 1840, the great stone became the property of the East India Company, and was by it presented to Queen Victoria. It was regent soon afterward, and now weighs 1024 carats. It is beyond price, although \$10,000,000 has been given as a fair valuation.

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What the Attack on Egypt Means.

London, Feb. 4.—The local official communiqué, which was issued in Cairo yesterday, shows that on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, on the eastern bank of the Canal, there were three separate encounters between British and Turkish troops, one near Ismailia on Tuesday morning—an advanced guard affair—which came to an end in a sand storm. Then on Tuesday night an attempt was made by a Turkish force, the strength of which is not stated, to throw a bridge across the Canal at Tusun, which is a couple of miles or so south of Lake Timash. The Turks were allowed to reach the Canal and begin bridging operations, when our troops attacked them and drove them back into the desert. A disorder, the bridging material being left in our hands, and a number of the unfortunate Turks drowned in the Canal. A third attack was made at dawn on Wednesday on the British position at El Kantara, near the northern entrance to the Canal, and this turned out to be as abortive as the other two attacks. The loss of the enemy, presumably, in all three encounters is reported to have been 16 killed and wounded and 40 prisoners, the total loss on our side being no more than nine men wounded.

Renewed Attacks.

A message from Cairo last night reported a renewed attempt made at daybreak on Wednesday to cross the Canal at Tusun by means of rafts, but this attempt met with the same fate as that which overtook the previous one on Tuesday night, the Turks being again defeated, and this time with considerable loss, eight officers and numerous men being left dead on the field, while 282 unwounded prisoners fell into our hands. The British loss was 2 officers and 13 men killed and 58 wounded. A simultaneous attack was made at Kantara, and repulsed with a Turkish loss of 21 killed and 25 wounded, 25 prisoners being taken. This further report shows that the actions yesterday were something more than mere advanced guard affairs, the Turks having brought up 12,000 men, and six batteries, their intention evidently being to force the passage of the Canal and get possession of the railway junction at Ismailia.

The suggestion is that the whole of this raiding force, for it was nothing more, came along the coast caravan road via Rafa and El Arish, part of it being detached towards Ismailia for the operations described. It is of no consequence how it came, or where it came from. What does matter is that a British army should be looked up in Egypt in order to defend the Suez Canal against raids, such as occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday, organised by the Germans, not with any hope of success, but merely with the object of neutralising a large

force of British troops, for no one, who knows what it means, really believes the rumoured invasion of Egypt across a 100-mile water desert with an army of 100,000 men is anything more than a threat held over our heads for the purpose suggested. To come, as the Turks appear to have done, with only 12,000 men was to trifle with the situation and court the certainty of defeat. Fortunately, Egypt is an excellent training ground, and the Australians and Territorials who are watching the Egyptian frontier are completing their training under circumstances which will eventually bring them into the field as a valuable reinforcement of strength.

Economic Pressure.

In an exceedingly interesting article contributed to the current number of *Land and Water* Mr. Belloc decides against the likelihood of economic pressure bringing the war to an end. His conclusions are arguable but in any case we shall do well not to rely on this means of obtaining peace. Even supposing, and this is more than likely, that as time goes on our command of the sea is used to increase the economic pressure which we are putting on Germany, and which for various reasons has not yet been exerted to the full extent of our power, the military oligarchy, who are pulling the wires in Germany, in the pride, and insolence, and arrogance of their power, will continue to wage this cruel war, no matter how great the suffering which is caused to the civil population, and will not bend the knee except under pressure of superior force, which the Allies are preparing to bring against them. It really comes to this, that the German Emperor has appealed to force, and peace can only come when that force has been destroyed. There can be no hedging with this curse of militarism; it must be trumped under foot, like any other vice which has to be conquered. As in the Napoleonic war, so in this war, economic pressure will weaken the enemy's force, and correspondingly strengthen that of the Allies, but it won't be a deciding factor in the problem which the British people, in conjunction with their Allies, have set themselves to solve. The solution will only come when we have killed force by force, and broken the military power of the enemy beyond hope of recovery. The task is a hard one, but until it is accomplished it is of no use to talk or think about peace, not because we don't long for it, but because peace on any other terms than those laid down by the Prize Minister will be nothing more than an armed truce, and the last state of Europe will be worse than the first. —*Daily News*.

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January 31st, 1915.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1915.

TARIFFS AND MONOPOLIES.

The war has hit British traders in many ways, but in no particular trade has its effect been more felt than in the aniline dye industry. Germany, we know, had practically built up a monopoly in this particular sphere, and British manufacturers had come to rely almost entirely on the German product, long before the war broke out. Lancashire especially was dependent on the German supplies, and, naturally, it very seriously felt the shortage when those supplies were cut off. Happily, British manufacturers are a resourceful body of men, and they lost no time, with the aid of the Government, in seeking a remedy for the new situation which arose. For several months now there have been important conferences of those interested in this industry, and these have made it clear that Britain can produce all the dyes required by her trade interests, provided manufacturers are given some security that their investment in the new industry can be permanently secured. The question raises interesting and most important issues, however, and a brief analysis of the position will not at this moment be out of place.

The new scheme put forward comprises the creation of a concern to be known as "British Dyes, Limited," which is to be, in effect, a Government company, upon which it is designed to confer a rigid monopoly. It seems that a form of agreement has been drawn up for British dye users, under which they bind themselves to purchase from this company only, during the war and for a period of five years after it has come to an end. The only exception allowed them is in the case of dyes which the company is unable to produce. Prices are to be "reasonable," and if the customer objects to them he is to be permitted to call in a referee appointed by the President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce. With these exceptions, the monopoly is complete and rigid. The object aimed at—namely, the building up of a new British industry, to replace the German—is one which is worthy of all support; but the question arises whether or not the methods chosen are the wisest in the circumstances.

While we have no desire to discuss the relative merits of Free Trade and Tariff Reform—a vast controversy which may very well be left over until peace returns—it is certainly something of an anomaly to find the Government backing up a scheme which will interfere with freedom of competition, which is of the very essence of Free Trade. For the proposals exclude not only foreign but home competition as well. One would have thought that the purpose would have been well served had a prohibitive tariff been imposed on German dyes, for a tariff would be far less objectionable than a monopoly, since tariffs do not at any rate destroy home competition. If, when war is ended, Germany were faced with a stiff tariff barrier in England, new industries would at once arise in the Old Country, and a spirit of healthy competition would be brought about. The customer would then have no need to apply to a referee to fix prices, which would adjust themselves, and he would, moreover, be sure of getting an article worth the money asked for it. Under the proposed monopoly he would be sure of neither.

Women Poets.

A Straits paper observes: "Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Christina Rossetti are the two greatest women poets in the history of English literature." We know of no better example of the class of statement that catches one off one's guard. The average student of poetry would say of Mrs. Browning that her Sonnets from the Portuguese are masterpieces in their way, that she wrote one or two long poems that were decidedly above mediocre, and that the rest of her work was scarcely better than that of Mrs. Hemans and company. Of Christina Rossetti he would say: "She was a hymn-writer," and would leave the matter at that. And doubtless he would not be far wrong in either case; but that does not alter the fact that our contemporary's assertion is a perfectly true one; for, astounding as it seems, Britain has not produced a really great poetess; nor, so far as we know, has any other nation in modern times. Most countries can boast at least one great woman novelist, but where—since the *Magnificat* was composed—shall we look for a poetess?

A Suggested Explanation.

One might easily waste more time than the question is worth, in trying to discover some solution of this puzzle. Perhaps it lies in the fact that women are so constituted that they cannot lay hold on the enduring qualities that go to make a great poem. Of those qualities, strength and a grip of the reader's will would seem to be the chief. Women have usually a far greater force of imagination than men, and their sense of what is beautiful is often superior to that possessed by the other sex. Their minds, too, are generally less distracted by money getting cares, so that they should be able to live more nearly to the ideal than their male folk. Then why have they not produced great poetry—allowing that they have shown themselves able to write great novels? Had George Eliot been given the plot of e.g. "Enoch Arden," she could have worked it into a strong and most moving prose story; but no woman could have told that story as Tennyson's verse tells it. This suggests that the "strength" needed for poetry is not quite of the same variety as that required for a lasting prose work. But there must be other explanations. We look for enlightenment to some of our readers.

German Culture and Superstition.

Some of the Home illustrated papers have been printing photographs of weird-looking amulets and charms found on the bodies of slain German soldiers, and we gather that there is quite a fondness among the culture-loving warriors of the Kaiser for such fetichs. These include dolls, wooden or metal animals, and grotesque carvings which certainly cannot outrage the Second Commandment, inasmuch as they do not appear to be the likeness of anything in Heaven or earth—or, let us hope, under the earth. It is an old contention of ours that the more irreligious and free-thinking a man is, the more given is he to worrying himself about what will bring good or bad luck; which seems to imply that the belief which the advanced thinker refuses to give to the religion of his fathers, he is yet willing to bestow on fooleries that only an African savage or a Chinese coolie should attach any importance to. We have met men who were never tired of asserting their scepticism, where a perfectly logical faith—Christianity—was concerned; and yet, who were absolutely convinced that some ill fortune was going to befall them because they had spilt the salt, or had happened to meet a wall-eyed woman. This is another point on which we should like further information.

U.S. Postal Rate to Germany.

Washington, February 4.—The Postmaster General to-day suspended the two-cent postage rates on mails from the United States to Germany. He announced that until direct transportation service was restored, letters from this country to German destinations would be charged at a rate of five cents for the first ounce and three cents for each additional ounce.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60; clear.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 53; clear.

Count the Columns.
Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 35 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 34 published.

The Mails.
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Up to the Minute—Share

Market News.

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Steam Laundry. — \$51, sales.
Lazons. — \$251, buyers.
Rauba. — \$4.15, buyers.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 9.11-16d.

Langkat Output.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for yesterday was 232 tons.

Left for Shanghai.

Dr. Irvin Kew, of Drs. Kew Bros., left for Shanghai to-day to take charge of the firm up North.

"Lady Friend" Suspected.

A Chinese amah, living at Belcher's Street, has had stolen from her box \$100 in money. She suspects one of her lady friends.

Police Inspection.

H. E. the Governor will, hold his annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force on March 26 in the Police compound.

European Sued.

In the Summary Court this morning, the case was mentioned in which Oyager Singh sued W. Cooper for \$160. The case went over.

Kailan Output.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 6 amounted to 53,148.93 tons and the sales during the period to 41,833.05 tons.

Fined for Refuse-Throwing.

Before Commander Basil Taylor, R. N., at the Marine Court, this morning, Sergt. Mackay charged a boatman with unlawfully throwing dirt into the Harbour. Defendant was fined \$25.

Plaintiff in Hospital.

In the Summary Court, this morning, the case was referred to Chambers in which F. Smyth sues E. B. Shepherd for the sum of \$200. It appears that the plaintiff is in hospital.

Case Mentioned.

In the Summary Court, this morning, the action was mentioned in which Francis Maitland is the plaintiff and Law and Sons the defendants. The amount at issue is \$339.

Adjourned.

Messrs. Weaver and Raven were the plaintiffs and Law Ngai-po the defendant in an action brought to recover \$311, in the Summary Court, this morning, the hearing of which was adjourned.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

GERMANY BECOMING EXHAUSTED.

The Shortage of Men and War Material.

The latest Russian communique contains one or two interesting disclosures which reveal the enemy in a very sorry plight. Along several parts of the front, so the communique says, the Germans are employing old bullets and guns of the 1873 model, while the fresh units brought into the battle line fire wildly and parties frequently surrender before they have begun to fight. If this is a correct representation of the facts—and there is every reason to believe that it is—then the Germans must be pretty badly "up against it." They are evidently suffering from a shortage of men as well as from a shortage of war material. And the outlook for a nation which depends on raw recruits and 40-years old war material to win battles must be black indeed.

The Cause.

It is hard to say which is the more serious—the shortage of trained men or the lack of modern war material. But both are probably attributable to the same cause—the fact that Germany never for a moment expected the war to last so long. She did not anticipate the resistance of Belgium, nor that the fighting east and west would be either so unsatisfactory, so prolonged or so fierce. The strain on her resources has therefore been far more severe than she had reckoned upon. As to the scarcity of ammunition, this is not the first time that it has been commented upon, for some little time ago it was recorded that the Germans before Osovise were husbanding their shells. We may assume as a certainty that Germany did not plunge into the war without a tremendous stock of ammunition of all kinds, but that stock would be proportionate to the probable duration of the struggle. The conclusion is that the Germans have been using powder, shells and bullets at a much greater rate than was anticipated, and are now being forced to rely upon old stock.

Allies Doing Well.

There can be no getting away from the fact that in both theatres of war things are going badly for the forces ranged against the Allies. Besieged Przemyśl appears to be on its last legs, and its fall, when it comes, will mean a big change in the situation, since it will release large forces of Russians to be utilised where their services are most needed. In Poland and on the East Prussian frontier the struggle is going all in favour of the Russians, while if we turn to the west we see that the Allies are making matters uncomfortably warm for the enemy. Here in the west, too, there is the same problem of a scarcity of well-trained men facing the Germans, and even the "stiffening" of the Landwehr by the much-vaunted Guards has been of no avail. Look where we may, the Germans appear to be about at the end of their tether.

Contrasts.

Last evening's telegrams dealing with activities on the seas provide a striking contrast. German submarines have encountered and sunk a couple of small coasters, while a British cruiser has bagged a German liner. There is a world of difference between a liner and a little coasting vessel, but the chief fact to be noted is that we capture and retain enemy merchant ships, while the Germans can only sink any of our craft which come their way. We are therefore distinctly the gainers on the transaction, since we have something to show for our work, whereas the Germans have nothing whatever.

LEGAL TIT-BITS.

His Lordship "Gets One Back."

Mr. Hind, in the Summary Court, this morning, said there was no defence in a case and a date should be fixed. He was for the plaintiff.

Mr. Hind (later)—I am for the defendant, my Lord. I am only just instructed to day, my Lord; will your Lordship adjourn the case for a week?

His Lordship.—Supposing the plaintiff says there is no defence and he wants it taking to-day (loud laughter).
Mr. Hind.—I cannot assure your Lordship there is a defence to it, but I might be able to find one (laughter).
Adjourned for a week.

"Lead Fat."
At the Summary Court, this morning, the usher called out "Lead Fat," that being the phonetic of Lia Fat.

FIRM'S ALLEGED DIFFICULTIES.

MacEwen, Erickel and Company's Comprodore "Absconds."

In the Summary Court, this morning, there were some interesting references to the firm of Messrs. MacEwen, Erickel and Company. The Kat Cheong sued the aforementioned Company for the sum of \$168.09.

Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the defendants, said that Mr. Duncan, the only partner in the firm, was away in England, and the comprodore had absconded so they had some difficulty in ascertaining the amounts of the claim; they might or might not be disputed.

His Lordship said he would put the case in the list for next week and Mr. Goldring could tell then.

Mr. Hind.—I understand the firm is not in a flourishing financial condition and there is no telling what may happen.

His Lordship.—I do not know as regards you saying they are not in a flourishing financial condition—are they a registered company, or is it a partnership?

Mr. Hind.—A partnership.
His Lordship.—No partner within jurisdiction?

Mr. Hind.—There does not appear to be anyone in charge of the concern at all at present.
His Lordship.—In that case you can come here and get an order for security—to attach.

Mr. Hind.—If my friend will undertake to give security for this amount.

His Lordship.—No, you can come and apply, and see if you can get it.

Mr. Goldring said that some Chinese were running the business as best they could in Mr. Duncan's absence.

The case went into next Friday's list.

EXPEDITING MATTERS.

Unsatisfactory Negotiations.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co. sued the Onger Machinery Company for the sum of \$514.
Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Denny, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Shenton said that there had been negotiations of an unsatisfactory nature and he wanted a date to be fixed.

Mr. Denny said his client was in Swatow and he did not want a date to be fixed until he knew definitely when he would be back.

Mr. Shenton said that there had been negotiations about the amount, but there had been nothing arrived at, and if his Lordship would fix a day it would bring matters to a head.

Mr. Denny.—Say a fortnight ahead.

A week's adjournment was granted.

THE HOTEL CASE.

Claim Now Made in Civil Court.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, F. A. Chopard, Astor House Hotel, and another, sued F. O. Castlemaine for the sum of \$416.35.

Mr. W. B. Hind, on behalf of the plaintiffs, said the finances of the defendant were in a rather pitiable condition and they wanted judgment as soon as possible.

Mr. Gardiner, for the defendant, said his friend knew the money was going to be deposited in Court. There was a Police Court proceeding against the defendant and this case would be contested. There would be a counter-claim.

Mr. Hind said his friend had admitted the claim and said he was going to pay the money into Court. Now he said there would be a counter-claim and he (Mr. Hind) did not see any reason why judgment should not be given at once.

His Lordship.—You say there is a Police Court action—is it between the same parties?

Mr. Gardiner.—Yes.

His Lordship.—What is the charge?

Mr. Gardiner.—I think it is for obtaining credit by fraud or false pretences.

His Lordship.—They charge him with respect to the same sum?

Mr. Gardiner.—Yes.

His Lordship.—Adjourned for a week.

Mr. Hind.—If he is discharged from the Police Court there is every possibility of his being deposed.

His Lordship.—Is he on bail?

Mr. Hind.—No, my Lord, he is in police custody and when the case is concluded by the Police Magistrate he will be deported long before we can get the money.

Mr. Gardiner.—Police Court proceedings are pending until the money is forthcoming.

His Lordship.—When will you pay the money into Court?

Mr. Gardiner.—I think to-day. I saw my client this morning at the Central Police Station and he assures me the money will be forthcoming to-day.

His Lordship.—That is to say you will pay it into Court before the Police Court proceedings are terminated?

Mr. Gardiner.—The Police Court proceedings will then be withdrawn. The man will be in charge until the money is forthcoming. That is the position.

His Lordship.—The Police Magistrate has hold of him, has he? Adjourned for a week.

THAT WATCH.

Lawyers Again Differ Over "Time."

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the case of the watch that failed in its purpose, according to Mr. B. O. Faithfull's allegation, was again mentioned.

Mr. Davidson, who appeared for the people who sold the watch, said the case was adjourned to have the watch repaired.
Mr. Faithfull.—No, my Lord, it was at the request of my friend that it was adjourned. I sent the watch back to his clients. It is not a question of wanting it repaired. They sent it to me since last Saturday, and it has only stopped once. I want an adjournment for another fortnight. I think a fortnight perhaps will put it out of its misery altogether.

Good Shooting.

A member of the Arctura crew who has landed at Harwic declares that as the Blucher heeled over the officers climbed on to the keel of the ship and linked arm and in this position remained until the cruiser disappeared. The engineer-commander of the Blucher, who was rescued, remarks "Well, I'm jolly glad to be out of that hell. The havoc caused your guns was terrible, and so killed and wounded hundreds."

SIR J. FRENCH'S
DESPATCH.A Fine Record of Two Months'
Fighting.

An important despatch from Sir John French was issued on February 16. It covers a period of two months' strenuous fighting, and gives many vivid details of heroic gallantry of units and men mentioned by name. In the course of his despatch the Commander-in-Chief says:—

Since the date of my last report the operations of the army under my command have been subject almost entirely to the limitations of weather.

During the period under report the Royal Flying Corps has again performed splendid service. Although the weather was almost uniformly bad and the machines suffered from constant exposure, there have been only thirteen days on which no actual reconnaissance has been effected. Approximately 100,000 miles have been flown.

In my despatch of November 20, 1914, I referred to the reinforcements of Territorial troops which I had received, and I mentioned several units which had already been employed in the fighting line. Army Corps commanders are proud in their praise of the Territorial Battalions which form part of nearly all the brigades at the front in the first line, and more than one of them have told me that these battalions are fast approaching—if they have not already reached—the standard of efficiency of Regular Infantry.

The troops composing the Army in France have been subjected to no severe trial as it is possible to impose upon any body of men. In spite of all this their spirit remains high and confident; their general health is excellent, and their condition most satisfactory. Reinforcements have arrived from England with remarkable promptitude and rapidity. They have been speedily drafted into the ranks, and most of the units I inspected were nearly complete when I saw them.

I may mention in particular the fine appearance presented by the 27th and 28th Divisions, composed principally of battalions which had come from India. Included in the former division was the Princess Patricia's Royal Canadian Regiment. They are a magnificent set of men, and have since done excellent work in the trenches.

It was some three weeks after the events previously recorded in this despatch that I made an inspection of the Indian Corps, under Sir James Willcock. The appearance they presented was most satisfactory, and fully confirmed my first opinion that the Indian troops only required rest and a little acclimatising to bring out all their inherent fighting qualities.

I saw the whole of the Indian Cavalry Corps, under Lieut. General Rimington, on a mounted parade soon after their arrival. They are a magnificent body of cavalry, and will, I feel sure, give the best possible account of themselves when called upon. In the meantime, at their own particular request, they have taken their turn in the trenches, and performed most useful and valuable service.

I have no reason to modify in any material degree my views of the general military situation, as expressed in my despatches of November 20, 1914.

THE BIG OPIUM CASE.

Defendants Fined \$10,000 Each.

This morning, in the Police Court, Mr. F. A. Hazeland gave his decision concerning the nine men, who, out of fifteen originally before the Court, remained charged with the importation of and being unlawfully in possession of eleven hundred pounds of raw opium, which were found on board the s.s. Teueor.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the defence, and at the last hearing six men were discharged. This morning, Mr. Hazeland, on a considered judgment, fined the remaining nine the sum of ten thousand dollars each, or, in default, six months' imprisonment.

"NEVER AGAIN."

Germany in the Far East.

The destruction of German power or influence in the Far East now having been accomplished, says the *London and China Express*, the future of the Pacific—a problem that long filled the minds of the Chancelleries of the world having interests in those waters—should be of easy solution. The ex-German Colonies, of course, shall remain under the Union Jack, and in all probability shall be administered by Australia, save, perhaps, New Guinea, every inch of which must eventually come under the British flag by treaty or cession. Never again can Great Britain afford to take the risks that she has taken in the past 20 years by allowing a strong Power to challenge her supremacy at almost every point on the five continents. Irish agents in the United States are most busily employed in trying to inflame Americans against British policy in the Pacific. The entire control of the Pacific, these agents assert, is the British, and the latter hope to achieve it through the help of the Japanese. And yet we were told that the passing of the Hume Bill would wipe out the long years of hostility between the British-Americans and the British!

The Territorials, who have gone to various parts of the world to take the place of the regular troops, have won the highest praises for their appearance, physique, and discipline. Some of those battalions will return home at no distant date to take their places in the firing line on the Continent.

It is questionable if the entire 3,000,000 troops which have been raised since the war started will be needed for the firing line. Apparently it is the intention of Great Britain to have a great military reserve at her back when the map of Europe is being remade. She will then be the strongest military Power in the world as well as the strongest naval Power. Should the entire 3,000,000 take the field Great Britain can easily raise a similar army again.

To the Germans we are indebted for the revival of that once-famed Oriental weapon of warfare—the vulgarly and expressively named "stink-pot." Its crude form the stink-pot, as used by the Indians and Chinese, consisted of an old piece of crockery filled with the most diabolical smelling chemicals and compounds known to the users. The whole was set alight and hurled on the heads of attacking troops, many of whom inevitably succumbed to the horrible fumes which spread over a very large area. The new stink-pot of the Germans is an improved weapon. It consists of an iron shell filled with powerful chemicals, the fumes of which are most deadly when the shell is ignited. The shell is hurled from a gun specially fitted for the purpose, and when its 100-lb. charge explodes the fumes kill anything within 60 or 70 yards of it.

STOLE FROM HOSPITAL.

Youthful Thief Sentenced.

A Chinese boy was charged this morning, at the Police Court, with the theft from the Wanchoi Hospital of two blankets which had been taken from the servants' quarters.

It appears that the defendant, who is only seventeen years of age, went to a pawn-broker's shop to pledge the articles, when the pawn-broker's attention was attracted by a mark on the blankets. The matter was brought to the notice of a European detective who happened to be in the shop and the lad was taken into custody. In the court, this morning, the defendant acknowledged having had four previous convictions.

He was sent to prison for four months' hard labour with four hours' stoppage.

THE SUEZ FIGHTING.

Official Account; New Zealanders Under Fire.

Cairo, Feb. 4.

Yesterday attacks on the Canal were made at three points.

The Turks were in moderate strength, about 12,000 of the enemy and six batteries being engaged.

The main attack was south of Lake Timah, where Ismailia lies. It was started by an attack overnight at Tonsou, just south of the lake, where the enemy reached the Canal and began bridging.

Their material consisted of pontoons and rafts, and operations were covered by a heavy fire from Maxim and artillery on our positions. Our artillery and the ships in the Canal returned the fire.

Rank and File a Rabble. The Turks' attempt failed utterly, but the fusillade was continued until afternoon, when the enemy left many dead on the field.

Eight of the enemy's officers and 282 men were taken prisoners. The officers taken are Turks and are well clothed, but the remainder of the prisoners are a rabble.

Most of them are Syrians, who declare they do not want to fight. The British Casualties. The *Hardinge*, a vessel of the Indian Marine, 6,520 tons, carrying six 4.7 in guns, six 3-pounders, and four machine guns, was hit twice by shells, and 10 of those on board were wounded.

Otherwise our losses were two officers and 13 men killed, and 58 wounded.

Part of the loss occurred among the Egyptian Field Artillery. These troops did excellent service.

Fighting also occurred north of Ismailia Ferry, where the Canal passes through high banks.

Here the enemy was found at daybreak, entrenching half a mile from our outposts. Two battalions opened an intermittent fire, but we suffered no casualties.

The third attack was at El Kantara, in the early morning, when the enemy was driven off. Turks' Disproportionate Losses. Twenty-two Turks were killed in this engagement, and 60 were taken prisoners.

Later they attacked from the south, but were stopped at a distance of 1,200 yards. Eight of the enemy were found dead.

Our loss was four Indians killed. Bravo, New Zealanders! The New Zealanders in Egypt have been under fire.

Major-General Sir John Maxwell, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Egypt, notifies this fact to Mr. T. Mackenzie, High Commissioner for the Dominion.

Sir John is evidently satisfied with the behaviour of the New Zealanders, as he says in his cable:—

"The New Zealand Infantry earned the good opinion of all who saw them."

He adds that there were two casualties.

Barefooted and Ragged. London, Feb. 4.

A message from Cairo states that the fighting near the Canal has not affected the through shipping traffic, and the railways are also working as usual.

There was heavy firing close to the canal on Wednesday, and the pilot of a vessel passing through was wounded.

The Turkish Army is experiencing great difficulties with its transport. Many of the camels are dying, and others are being brought from Asia Minor to take their place.

It is stated that Colonel von Kreszenstein, who is supposed to be directing the campaign, is with the invading forces.

More Like Ragamuffins. During the fighting at Kantara, 250 prisoners were taken by the British troops. The prisoners are miserably clothed, and barefooted, and look more like ragamuffins than soldiers.

Their condition has created a great and salutary effect on those of the Egyptian population who were inclined to look upon them with a certain amount of favour. The *Evening News* correspondent states that the Turks resumed the attack on Wednesday.

They brought up more ammunition, and tried to construct trenches.

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WAR ITEMS.

La Touraine Outrage. London, March 8.—The *Daily Chronicle* New York correspondent says it is feared that La Touraine was the victim of a German arson conspiracy.

There was a close investigation of the cargo and passengers before the ship sailed. One pre-German banded openly that the services of American doctors and nurses aboard would be required before the liner reached the war zone.

A wireless message received at Queenstown says that only the liner Rotterdam is standing by, but three other liners and a British cruiser which were hurrying up were notified that their assistance was not wanted.

Liquidation of German Firms in Saigon. While the sale of German perishable goods is daily proceeding in Saigon, the Tribunal of Commerce in the same town, by a judgment given in an extraordinary and contradictory "seance" on February 6, has ordered the dissolution and liquidation of the two societies: "Rizerie l'Union," and "Rizerie Orient," under the firm "Speidel and Co." of Saigon.

The Tribunal has fixed the reserve price at \$700,000 for the first rice mill, and \$900,000 for the second, and has entrusted MM. de Puychaumeix and Decoly with the care of the liquidation of the two societies.

The Bread Restrictions in Germany. The new German Government regulations restricting the baking of bread and forbidding baking at night, in order to limit the consumption of fresh bread in the morning, have provoked much criticism. The *Vorwaerts* declares that, while the wealthier classes, who get up late, will have their fresh bread as usual, the trade will be revolutionised. It is calculated that in Berlin alone 2,000 bakers' assistants and about 12,000 men and women, who take bread from house to house, will be thrown out of work.

The Socialist journal argues that the only proper step for the Government before taking such measures would have been to expropriate all stocks of corn and potatoes.

Doubts Dum-Dum Charges. Charges that dum-dum bullets have been used in the present war are baseless, in the opinion of Dr. W. W. Keen, president of the American Philosophical Society. In an address to the society at its hall, at 104, South 5th Street, Doctor Keen said that the size of the wounds attributed to dum-dum bullets more likely was due to the mere explosive properties of modern missiles. He compared the surgery during the present struggle with that of the Civil War, and pointed out the great saving of human life through the application of bacteriology.

Max Nordau and the German Attitude. Dr. Max Nordau, author and physician, writes to the *Vossische Zeitung* in Berlin as follows: "The attitude of Parisians after the declaration of war was diametrically opposite to that of the Berliners, where passions were unchained to extreme lengths. There were some Germans in the party with which I was taken to the police station. The crowd in the street was excited, but its actions were correct. They wished to see the Austrians and Germans,

but there was no hostile word, no evil look. I heard people saying, 'Poor things! The women offered us wine and water and refused payment. They said: 'We are French; our pity cannot be paid for.'"

Penang Veterans. Penang, March 5.—Major Minniken convened and presided at a well attended meeting to consider the formation of a veterans' corps on the same lines as that in Singapore. Some discussion on the age limit, 38 to 50, took place, and it was contended that younger men prevented by business duties from joining the volunteers would like to join the reserve corps.

A provisional committee with Mr. Justice Edden as president, W. Peel, A. W. B. Hamilton, R. S. Jarvis, and Allen, was appointed to bring up a scheme for approval at another meeting and submission to Singapore. —*Straits Times*

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Steamships.	Captain	Leaving.
Haimun	A. H. Stewart	FRI., 19th Mar. at 1 p.m.
Haiching	W. C. Passmore	TUES., 23rd Mar. at 1 p.m.
Haitan	J. W. Evans	FRI., 26th Mar. at 1 p.m.

FOR SAIGON.

Hailang ... | A. E. Hodgins ... | FRI., 19th Mar. at noon.

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LOG BOOK.

Shipping Sales.

Jos. W. Fordney (ex B-aumont, ex Mira), steamer, 3,687 tons gross, 2,297 net, built at Newcastle in 1901 and managed by F. R. Gilchrist, Cleveland, O., reported sold in New York for \$350,000. She is available for enrolment in the coastwise trade.

An interesting instance, says an American paper, of the high values of small vessels has just occurred. In 1894 an owner purchased an iron steamer of 1,873 tons gr. as, built in 1883, for \$8,250. It was recently offered the other vessel, built in the same year, for \$20,750. There is a dearth of vessels of about 2,500 tons deadweight, which accounts for the comparatively high price still maintained for these old vessels. It should also be borne in mind that vessels which three or four months ago would have been sold to be broken up, are unobtainable except at high prices. Alcoa, British steamer, 7,575 tons gross, 4,897 net, built at Sunderland in 1898 and managed by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., San Francisco, has been sold to John A. Hooper, San Francisco, for \$300,000. She will be renamed California and placed under the American flag. Seawell, British steamer, 3,047 tons gross, 1,900 net, built at Stockton in 1910 and owned by the Mawson Shipping Co., Ltd. (Messrs. A. Mawson and Co.), Cardiff, has been sold to N. D. Lykiardopulo, Piraeus, for about \$240,000. King Frederick, British steamer, 3,756 tons gross, 2,397 net, carries about 6,100 tons deadweight, built at Sunderland in 1906, S.S. No. 1 in 1911, and owned by the King Line, Ltd. (Phillips, Phillips and Co., Ltd.), London, has been sold to Geo. Dracoulis, Ithaca, Greece, for about \$337,500. Van Dyck, Belgian steamer, 1,274 tons gross, 768 net, built at Hoboken in 1904, S.S. No. 3 in 1912, and owned by the Soc. Anon. du Sir. Van Dyck (Messrs. Marshall and Goring), Antwerp, has been sold to the Tawn Line (London), Ltd. (Messrs. Harrison, Sons and Co.) for about \$12,500, and renamed G. Anzotown, Irish, Belgian steamer, 2,334 tons gross, 1,707 net, built at Newcastle in 1893, and owned by the Societe Anon. d'Entrepotage et de Transports, Antwerp, has been sold to the Sun Oil Co., Ltd., for about \$15,000. Unser, British steamer, 3,504 tons gross, 2,350 net, carries about 6,200 tons deadweight, built at Port Glasgow in 1901, S.S. No. 3 in 1913, and owned by the Usher Steamship Co., Ltd. (H. Cann and Son, Ltd.), Yarmouth, N.S., has been sold to Messrs. Arthur Richter and Co., Newcastle, for about \$28,000.

Tonnage at Shanghai.
The total number and tonnage of ocean steamers entered at Shanghai during the quarter ended December 31, 1914, was 912 steamers of 1,527,347 tons, a decrease of 171 ships and 548,964 tons from the same quarter of the year before. Of the total entered, 40 per cent. were British, 27 per cent. Japanese, 19.8 per cent. Chinese, 4 per cent. American, 2.6 per cent. French and 1.0 per cent. Russian. The total number of river steamers entered was 305 vessels of 471,047 tons against 308 vessels of 476,517 tons in the same quarter of the year before. Among the entries is one German vessel of 2,769 tons, the steamer Albenza which was moved down from Hankow.

Difficult Navigation.
The Gulf of Pechni has again become difficult of navigation owing to pack ice and several vessels have been more or less damaged in attempting to make Taku. B. The Kinging, which encountered the full force of the flood, put back to Chefoo with her rudder broken in three places and the quadrant smashed to atoms, while the Hsin Ming had her rudder chains broken and was brought to a standstill for four hours. It is further reported that the Hsinchi was caught by a large field of ice that broke away suddenly from the south bank and had her rudder-head seriously twisted. The wreck of the steamer Guthrie, with lies near the entrance to the bar channel, is buried under a hill of ice which has been forced over her by the tide and her iron work and decks are twisted out of all shape.

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18.00

670.50

CHARTERED BANK.

Dividend of 16 per cent. Recommended.

The directors of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, will recommend a dividend for the half year ended 31st December, 1914, of 16 per cent. free of income tax (making 14 per cent. for the year); that £25,000 be written off Premises Account; £150,000 be placed to a special fund to meet contingencies; and £125,300 be carried forward as undivided profits.

DAY BY DAY.

Changed Her Mind.

A Chinese boatwoman has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital, apparently of unsound mind. She was found hanging on to her boat after having attempted to drown herself.

Fatal Tram Accident.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries alleged to have been caused by being knocked down by tramcar No. 41 at 10 a.m. yesterday morning. He died last evening at 8 p.m.

Silk Delivery.

The Yokohama office of the T.K.K. is in receipt of a wireless communication to the effect that the silk despatched hence per the Chiyu Maru on the 5th January was delivered in New York on the 16th February.

Apprentice's Mishap.

Coming in contact with a moving machinery belt at the Kwong Tak Cheung shipyard, at Tokow, an Chinese apprentice received injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

Thieves at Work.

A Chinese widow, living at Star Street, Wanchai, has reported to the Police that someone entered her house and stole a watch and chain valued at \$11, sixteen pieces of clothing valued at \$18 and fifty-three dollars in money.

Canton Steamer Service.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., announces that, commencing from Friday, 19th March, during the docking of the s.s. Kaitan, there will be no steamer on alternate nights from Canton and Hongkong. Until further notice night steamers will leave Hongkong at 10 p.m.

Highway Robbery Case.

Two Chinese, Li Chung and Lam Pan, were charged with highway robbery this morning, at the Police Court, by John Chun-wong. It will be remembered that the complainant reported to the police some time ago that he had been assaulted by a number of men who had robbed him and thrown him into a gully. The case was remanded for a week.

Diff. in exch. Swatow

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537.08

\$1,114.63

Already acknowledged,

Lists 1/23

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\$222,876.32

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Already acknowledged,

Lists 1/23

33,541.80

34,907.40

257,783.78

Less: remitted to

London 22/12/14

£17,000 at 1/9 5/16

191,430.95

Balance in hand

\$66,346.83

N. J. STABE

Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1915.

THE FRENCH CONVENT.

Distribution of Oxford Local Certificates.

This afternoon, at the French Convent, Lady May presented the Oxford Local Certificates to scholars who had won them. The presentation took place after the rendering of an excellent entertainment, which included the pretty operetta "The Enchanted Glen."

In the course of a speech, Father P. de Maria said:

"The part assigned to me in this afternoon's proceedings is a very small one, indeed. The headmistress of this school has asked me, as its manager, to announce the names of those scholars who have been successful in obtaining the Oxford Local certificates, as the result of the last midsummer examinations. Two girls passed in the Preliminary section and three in the Junior Division."

Miss Lilian Brenton and Miss Felicidade Naves have been awarded Preliminary certificates, while the Misses Silvia Xavier, Vera Dinenberg and Agnes Lepathank will come up to receive their Junior parchments. These certificates will be about the last to be distributed in the Colony by the Local Oxford Centre, in so far as the schools under my administration are concerned, for by next year these schools will have fallen into line with the proposal of the Colonial Educational Authorities to adopt the standard of our own University in Hongkong as the test for the respective examinations that will be conducted under the auspices of the professional staff of the Hongkong University. We are looking forward to the time when, with the test of experience, a syllabus would be evolved so as to demonstrate, in a practical manner, the adaptability of our leading educational institution to local needs and requirements."

Speaking of the University, I am led, with much appropriateness, to make reference to the Lugard Scholarship, founded by the late Sir Horatio K. Lugard, who acted as sponsor to the Hongkong University. The French Convent School, among others, is included in the list of beneficiaries under Sir Lugard's endowment for the Lugard Scholarship. This year Miss Lilian Brenton is declared the successful competitor for it, she being awarded an under-age Preliminary Oxford Certificate after having satisfied the examiners in the following subjects:—English language and literature, arithmetic, history, geography, religious knowledge and drawing.

The mention of the name of a former Governor of Hongkong, whose memory the Scholarship so fittingly perpetuates recalls the active part Lady Lugard is taking in the relief of the victims of the war that have found shelter on the hospitable shores of the British Isles, in many parts of France, and in neutral territory. You, ladies and gentlemen, are met here this afternoon to help the children render aid, if only in a very small measure, to those who are less fortunately placed than we in the prevailing conditions brought about by the Titanic struggle in Europe. I regard the time you have given up and the trouble you have taken in being here as the best evidence of the cordial co-operation subsisting in the training of the young charges entrusted to the care of the Sisters of the Assile de la S. E. En-fance. We have in the present gathering a practical proof of the spirit of Christian charity, which day by day, from year's end to year's end, it is sought to inculcate in the minds of the little ones. These little children learn that it is not sufficient

LIEUTENANT SUE.

An Action in Connection with a Yacht.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Summary Court, this morning, Ah King sued Lieutenant F. R. L. Mann for the sum of \$110.36.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the plaintiff, and said he had not heard anything from Mr. Wood and perhaps his Lordship would allow it to go over for another week.

His Lordship:—Will you be here then?

Mr. Davidson:—No, my Lord, I am leaving on Thursday.

His Lordship said Mr. Wood came into Chambers and he told him it would be better to see Mr. Davidson and see if they could come to some agreement with him, and then come and see his Lordship together.

Mr. Davidson said the only thing was whether Mr. Wood would take the responsibility of selling the yacht and paying the costs.

His Lordship said he thought it would be better if they came together in Chambers to see him. He would put the case in Friday's list.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. UMARIA from Calcutta left Singapore on the 19th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 25th inst.

The P. M. S. MONOLIA arrived at San Francisco on March 16.

The P. M. S. MANCHURIA sailed from Yokohama on Friday, March 19, via Manila for Hongkong. The mails have been transferred to the s.s. TAMBA M. of the N.Y.K. Line, which is scheduled to arrive at Hongkong on the 26th inst.

Slashes Kaiser's Picture.

Amsterdam, Feb. 7.—A newspaper, received here, state that a French war prisoner, named Lesouyer, had been condemned to two years' imprisonment following his conviction on a charge that he committed a crime against the sovereign by destroying the eyes in a portrait of Emperor William.

Blow to a Danish Industry.

Copenhagen, February 6.—Danish tobacco importers have been informed from Germany that the export of all kinds of tobacco from that country is prohibited. This means a fatal blow to the Danish cigar and cigarette industries, as almost all the tobacco used comes from Bremen, and freights are now so high that it is impossible to obtain tobacco from America.

to acquire the "first

rudiments of elementary knowledge at school; that a large part of their education is the formation of character even from the very beginning of their school years. What better manner to train the young in the spirit of charity and benevolence for the troubles of others than that their tender hearts should be guided to a feeling of sympathy with those who are now suffering so much?

Ten thousand miles away from the terrible scenes of conflict and distressful anguish in the Sisterhood of Christian charity, boys and girls of many nationalities, helped by their elders, are doing their little best to aid the fatherless, the homeless and the maimed to bear the trials and the sorrows which we all earnestly hope and pray may be brought to an end with the sheathing of the sword by the warring nations, now in

THE TIGER PICTURE.

Legal Argument Concerning Copyright.

Legal argument took place this afternoon, in the Police Court before Mr. J. R. Wood, in the case in which Messrs. Hastings and Hastings are prosecuting the Great Eastern Photographic Studio for infringement of his copyright in connection with the photograph of the tiger.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, prosecuted, and Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, defended.

Mr. Shenton pointed out that the Imperial Copyright Act of 1911, without summary procedure, but sections eight and nine of 17 of 1901, would appear to be intended to be the summary procedure in Hongkong. The first point which he wished to make was that this was not a criminal offence; it was a civil procedure. There was no power to imprison under the section, and the section secured the reimbursement of the person whose rights were infringed. Because he brought a summons in that Court, it would not be said the case was a criminal one at all. There were dozens of cases brought before his Worship which were not criminal cases. This could not be considered such a case, having regard to what he had read as to the definition of crime, and having regard to what he read from Halsbury and to the provisions for reimbursements, or whatever they may be called. This was not a case of master and man, but partner and partner and it was clearly shown in the Ordinance that where a partner committed fraud, his co-partner was also responsible.

"If I draw a picture of a dog and call it a 'Landseer' picture, it is an infringement (laughter) and it is exactly what has taken place in this case." The copyright had been infringed, and that was what section B was meant to refer to. His Worship:—You mean they have led the public to suppose the defendants actually took the photographs?

Mr. Davidson said it was not admitted that there was anything relating to copyright.

Mr. Shenton said the draughtsman, Mr. Alabaster, meant the section to cover copyright, as far as Hongkong was concerned. As to the sale being fraudulent he would call attention to Roscoe, 13th Edition, page 235—pecuniary advantage by unfair means. In this case it was a use of complainant's right by which device he received pecuniary advantage he was not entitled to—unfair means. Was not this the obtaining of a pecuniary advantage by unfair means? Fraud was not alone connected with criminal proceedings.

His Worship said according to section 7 he had no right to deal with copyright. He had to look round for some other means of fraud. An infringement of copyright was unfair means.

Mr. Shenton said in the Imperial Act they had left out the word "fraudulent" and put in the word "knowingly."

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

The Late General Kelly-Kenny's Estate.

General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, G.O.B., G.C.V.O., aged 74, who saw service in China and Abyssinia and in the South African War, left unsettled personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £93,221.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-first ordinary general meeting, to be held at the office of the General Managers on Wednesday 31st March, at 12 o'clock, noon, is as follows:—

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 31st December, 1914.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account after allowing for the Interim Dividend of \$60,000.00 paid in September last is \$81,829.00 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund \$13,000.00

To pay final Dividend of \$1.00 per share 60,000.00

To carry forward to the credit of next year's account ... 8,829.00

Consulting Committee.—Mr. H. P. White resigned on leaving the Colony and Mr. G. W. Barton was invited to take his place on the Consulting Committee.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. D. W. Craddock, G. W. Barton and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. O. D. Gourdin and F. Maitland who are recommended for re-election. SHEWAN, TOMES AND CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1915.

Profit and Loss Account.

Consulting Committee's fees..... \$4,000.00

Auditors' fees 400.00

Amount written off as depreciation for 1914 ... 8,700.00

Interim Dividend ... 60,000.00

Balance 81,829.00

\$154,929.00

Balance brought forward from last year

Dividend from Investments ... 2,587.88

Interest ... 3,097.50

Exchange ... 851.54

Balance of Working Account ... 10.17

\$148,381.97

\$154,929.00

Balance Sheet.

Capital 60,000 shares at \$10 each fully paid up ... \$600,000.00

Reserve Fund 27,000.00

Sundry Creditors ... 30,030.79

Balance of Profit and Loss Account ... 81,829.00

\$738,859.85

Land ... 21,800.00

Less Depreciation ... 1,300.00

20,500.00

Factory, Machinery, &c. ... 122,600.00

Less Depreciation ... 7,400.00

115,200.00

Rope and Hemp in Factory, valued at ... 216,938.89

Stores, Oil, Fuel, Gunnies & Spare Gear, valued at ... 11,996.42

Rope on consignment, valued at ... 174,423.70

Prop. of prem. on unexpired policies ... 3,094.58

Sundry debtors ... 111,103.76

Investments. 4,425 shares

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. ... 35,400.00

10,000 shares

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. ... 50,000.00

85,400.00

Cash in hand ... 152.52

738,859.85

D. W. CRADDOCK, Members of Consulting Committee.

G. W. BARTON, Members of Consulting Committee.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and that in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1914, according to the best of our information, and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. The stocks have been certified as to quantities by the work's Manager and as to prices by the General Managers, and we have seen all securities.

A. O. D. GOURDIN, Auditors.

F. MAITLAND, Auditors.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1915.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Alleged Forgery of Land Memorial.

Three Chinese were indicted on two charges of forging a mortgage memorial, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Criminal Sessions, this morning.

The first prisoner pleaded guilty and asked for leniency on the ground that he was ignorant. The others pleaded not guilty.

The case for the Crown was stated by the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. H. Kemp, the prisoners being undefended.

The jury was sworn in as follows:—Messrs. Edward Ezra (foreman), W. Wotherspoon, M. Mahomed, R. A. Abraham, J. T. Shaw, A. V. Ward, and V. L. dos Remedios.

The Attorney General said that only one prisoner of the three was alleged to have signed the document and forged the name, but the evidence would prove that all three shared in the common design. The Land Office was established under the Land Registration Ordinance of 1844, and at that office were deeds relating to land, and the system of registration that obtained there was that the parties registering deeds drew up memorials giving the particulars of the deed relating to the land, which were filed in and the memorial was signed and taken to the Land Office.

There an officer examined and compared the memorial with the deed, and the deed was returned and the memorial kept and filed in at the Land Office. The names of the persons were registered as the true names of the owners of the land etc. It was important that the information in the register should be correct, obviously, and that it should not in any way be forged or fraudulent. This case concerned the District Land Office, and these men without the sanction of a trustee conspired to raise money on property which he had an interest in, and his name had been forged for that purpose.

Prisoners were found guilty on the charge of forging, but not guilty on the charge of forging with intent to defraud.

His Lordship said it might have resulted in the mortgagee losing all her money, although they probably did not think that. The first prisoner would go to gaol for three months and the other two for six months.

Chinese Government Five Per Cent. Loan.

A drawing of 5,578 bonds of the Chinese Imperial Government Five per cent. Gold Loan of 1895 for £16,000,000, representing £401,775, which will become due on April 1 next, has been made at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Cash at factory ... 50.00

202.52

738,859.85

D. W. CRADDOCK, Members of Consulting Committee.

G. W. BARTON, Members of Consulting Committee.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and that in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1914, according to the best of our information, and the

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.
AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY,
the 19th March, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 4 Macdonnell Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:—
Tapestry and Morocco covered Drawing Room Suits, Easy Chairs, Card Table, Teak Overmantel with Bevelled Mirror, Brass Fender and Fire Brasses, Carpets, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Vases and Ornaments, etc., etc.

Teak Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Morocco covered Armchairs, Dinner and Dessert Services, Cutlery, E. P. and Glassware (cutglass, etc.), Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Glass Doors, Marble Top Toilet Table and Washstand with Bevelled Mirrors, Lace and Tapestry Curtains, Toilet Crockery, etc.

Canton Blackwood Curio Stand, Desk, Teapots and Flower Stands.

Also
1 Electric Ceiling Fan.
Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Thursday, the 18th inst.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from L. A. Byworth Esq. to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY,
the 23rd March, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 1 Kennedy Road (Kingsclere Gate House).

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)
Also
A Choice Selection of Ferns and Pot Plants.

Terms:—As usual.
On view from Monday, the 22nd March.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY,
the 26th March, 1915, commencing at 5 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Collection of Valuable Postage Stamps.

Great Britain and Colonies.
On view from Saturday, the 20th inst.

Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.
NOTICE.

The Thirty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Wednesday, the 24th March at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1915.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.
NOTICE.

The Thirty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Wednesday the 24th March at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1915.

Don't forget after the Show upper and Light Refreshments at **ALEXANDRA CAFE** Open Till Midnight.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL,
HONGKONG.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD,
AT 9 P.M.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT.

PROCEEDS TO GO TO
ALLIED FORCES' TOBACCO FUND.

Under the distinguished patronage of H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G. H.E. Major-General Kelly, C.B., and Commodore Anstruther, C.M.G.

Special programme by well-known local artistes, concluding with an amusing Sketch, entitled

"PACKING UP"

as performed with great success in London and abroad.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Booking at **MOUTRIE'S.**

PERFORMANCES OF A CHARMING

OPERA

Will be given at the French Convent, by the Children,

on

SATURDAY, March 20th, at 4 p.m.

IN AID OF THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR.

Admission, Children 30 cents. Adults \$1.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

FRIDAY, 19th March,

And for 4 nights only,

The Magnificent Film

in 6 parts.

"WAR OF WARS"

Battles rage with incredible fierceness; men perform

gallant deeds; 400 scenes are presented.

Desperate charges over fields of Carnage.

Booking at Theatre Daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

BIJOU SCENIC THEATRE.

17th, 18th & 19th March,

the powerful dramatic story

"ENOCH ARDEN"

in 2 Parts—Length 3,000 Feet.

"CINESINO & HIS GRANDFATHER'S PIPE" drama.

"FUNNICKUS & THE DUNCE" comic.

"OH, THOSE WOMEN"

"THE FEAST OF FOOLSHEAD" etc. etc.

9.15 Every Evening,

ORCHESTRA in attendance.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG & WHAM-POA DOCK CO., Ltd.

NOTICE.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 31st March, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to 31st March, 1915, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

The Far East Oxygen & Acetylene Co., Ltd. beg to advise their customers that Mr. Bailly, Civil Engineer, and late technical manager of their Singapore branch, has taken charge of the Hongkong Branch as technical manager as from the 15th March. Mr. Bailly is an expert welder, trained at Marseilles, and is able to undertake any kind of welding and boiler repairs.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1915.

THE FAR EAST OXYGEN & ACETYLENE CO., Ltd.
A. B. The Swedish Trading Co. in China, (Ltd.) Agents.

Agents.

MARTIN'S

APIOL & STEEL

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OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, March 12, 1915

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	19
Prime Cut—	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shin	lb.	19
Breast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do.—Sirloin—Ngau Lau	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Bullock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	60
correl—Ham Ngau Li	each	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	\$1.00
Heart—Ngau Sam	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	each	11
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	18
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	8
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau Tsai-lau-keuk	set	\$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pei Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Yeung Pei	lb.	25
Shoulder—Yeung Shan	lb.	24
Saddle—	lb.	27
Pigs Chiddings—Chu Chong	lb.	27
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	13
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tau	lb.	16
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	each	11
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	23
Port, Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	lb.	24
Corned—Bam Chu Yuk	lb.	23
Leg—Chu Pei	lb.	28
Fit or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keuk	set	80
Heart—Yeung Sam	each	8
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	each	12
Liver—Yeung Kon	lb.	22
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsai	lb.	22
Suet, Peat—Shang Ngau Yau	lb.	20
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau	lb.	26
Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Tsai	Cts.	
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	35
Ducks—Ap	lb.	34
Doves—Pan Kau	lb.	32
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)—	per doz	20
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	36
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	42
Geese—Ngo	lb.	30
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Holbow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	25
Squab—Sha Tsui	each	22
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—Na	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	75
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	18
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Man Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	26
Cattle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	16
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tsi To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupe—Shek Pan	lb.	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	26
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	32
Mclet—Chai Yu	lb.	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tau Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Fa Pan Fong	lb.	10
Pleice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	28
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shek Kiu Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	lb.	80
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Skate—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Soles—Tat Sha Yu	lb.	26
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	16
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keak Yu	lb.	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	lb.	18
(Chetoo)—Tia Chan Ping Kho	lb.	18

肉食

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Huang Chia lb.—

(brides), Macao—San Heng Chir

Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lat

Carambola—Yeung To

Coconuts—Ye Tse

Grapes—Po Tai Tse

Lemons, China—Ling Mang

America—Kam Shan Liang Mang

Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone

Fresh

Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching

Sweet

Pears, (American), K'm San Shoot Lay

(Canton), Coo-koo—Sha Li

Peanuts—Fa Shang

Plantain—Tai Chiu

Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai

Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau

Shanghai—Lo Kwat

Walnuts—Hop To

Green—Sang Hop Tuo

Water Melon—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa

each

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi

Chauk

Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau

(French) Shanghai—Sheung Bai Pin

Sprout—Ah Choi

Long—Tau Kok

Post Root—Hung Chai Tau

Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa

Brinjals, Green—Ching Yuen Kwa

Red—Hung Ke

Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Ka Tsai

Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsai

Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shan

Carrots—Kam Shan

Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai

Chillies Dried—Kon Lap Chiu

Red—Hung Fa Chiu

Green—Ching Lap Chiu

Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chu Lin

Cucumbers—Ching Kwa

Garlic—Sun Tau

Ginger, young—Sun Tee Keung

old—Lo Keung

Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan

Indian Corn—Suk Mai

Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai

Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai

Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko

Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa

Okroos

Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tau

Green—Shang Chong

Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau

Parley—Kun Tsi

Green Peas—Ching Tau

Potatoes, Sweet—Pan Sha

Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tsai

Japan—Yut Pan Shu Tsai

American—Fa Ki Shu Tsai

Koochow—Foo-chow Shu Tsai

Pumpkin—Tong Kwa

Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai

Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong

Sage—Tse So

Shallots—Kon Ching Tau

Spinach—Yin Tsi

Tomatoes—Fai Ke

Taro—Wu Tau

Turnip, Punt, (Long)—Lo Pak

English—Yeung Lo Pak

Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa

(American)—Kam-san-hoi Kwa

Water Cress—Sui Yeung Tsai

Lily root—Lin Ngau

Yams—Ta Sha

English—Yeung Kan Choi

Tau

The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list

of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the

30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule

of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour:—

(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,

per lb.,

(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,

per lb.,

GERMAN ADMIRALTY'S
AMAZING POSITION.U. S. Government Should Not
Tamely Acquiesce.

In a letter to the *Public Ledger* (Philadelphia), Mr. Samuel Dickson says:

It is to be hoped that the State Department at Washington will not tamely acquiesce in the amazing proclamation by the German Admiralty, Frederick R. Coudert, of New York, has very, very justly said, that it could be considered an act of hostility, and that there can be no justification for this action.

Under the head of "Mines and Torpedoes," in the international Digest of John Bassett Moore, he refers to a number of cases in which the use of mines and torpedoes has come under consideration, and refers to the use by the Peruvians of boats containing explosive materials, some of which had been set adrift on the chance of their being fallen in with by the enemy's boat. Secretary Everts instructed the American Minister at Lima, if he should find the report to be well founded, to make a strong representation to the Peruvian Government, and to say that "the United States must hold Peru responsible for any damage done to American vessels." A means of warfare so dangerous to neutrals, if it had been adopted, should, it was said, be at once checked, not only for the benefit of Peru, but in the interest of wise and chivalrous warfare, which should constantly afford to neutral Powers the highest possible consideration.

From the beginning the United States Government always maintained the right to treat the open sea as a public highway, and refused to acquiesce in one attempt after another to establish a *mare clausum*. It refused to submit to an imposition of the Sound dues by Denmark, or to recognise the Baltic as a closed sea. It refused to pay tribute to the Barbary Powers for the privilege of navigating the Mediterranean, and gave notice to Russia that it would regard the claim to make the North Pacific *mare clausum*, so that Mr. Wheaton, in summing up the discussion maintains: "In order to establish the claim of a particular nation to a right of property in the sea, that nation must obtain and keep possession of it, which is impossible, and, in any event, the sea is an element which belongs equally to all men, like the air; consequently as it cannot become the exclusive property of any nation, the use of the sea remains open and common to all mankind." (Lawrence's Wheaton, p. 341.)

No one has ever pretended to assert a claim to control the navigation of the North Sea, and Germany has no more right to plant mines in the open sea between Great Britain and Belgium and France than she would have to do so in Delaware Bay, or than a property owner, who was annoyed by automobiles, would have to plant torpedoes in a turnpike.

The right to plant mines as a defence to a harbour, from which all vessels might lawfully be excluded, is one thing, but to destroy the use of the open sea as a highway, by sowing mines which might indeed destroy British

WASTE NEWSPAPERS.

Hongkong Consul's Report.

Consul-General George E. Anderson, of Hongkong, reports:—There has been developed in Hongkong, a somewhat interesting if not highly important trade in printed but unused newspapers from Europe and the United States. Shipments have been increasing from the United States of late, and considerable quantities have been imported from Great Britain and, before the war, from Germany. Late shipments have been landed in Hongkong at a price of about \$4 local currency per parcel of 133.333 lb.—at present exchange about 1.3 gold per pound. The paper is used for various purposes. There is some fair demand for it for wrapping purposes, but the greater portion at present is reshipped from Hongkong to points in Shantung Province, China (of which Tsingtau and Chefoo are the chief ports and Tsinanfu is the interior metropolis). It is used in Shantung Province for the manufacture of a special variety of thin wrapping paper used by the manufacturers of pongee silk for the inner wrappings of rolls of this silk. This is a special trade, and as a rule shipments of the paper to be accepted should reach Hongkong not later than Chinese New Year, so that it can be sent in to the northern provinces at the opening of navigation in the spring. Some fair amount of the paper from abroad is used in the manufacture of the cheap thin white news print paper used by the Chinese newspapers in Hongkong, Canton, and various near-by Chinese cities. The demand for the stock for all purposes here is increasing, but the material must come at a very low price.

London Prices Current.

London, March 8.—Copper 64; Linseed, Argentine 48, Bombay 53/9; Cottonseed 150; Wheat White Karachi 58/8, Delhi 58/9; Rosette 60/3, Afloat 2,335,000; Hemp 28 paid; lead 21, tin 185; iron 57/11; wheat 59/3 paid; peas 53/6, linseed 52/6; oil 29/9; all buyers. Shellac, quiet, March 61/6, August 65; tea 58,300; Ceylon 25,700, Java 2,600, to-day 34,000; upward tendency animal; oil, common farthing dearer; keen competition; good Autumn; coconuts 48; 48, 51, 55, 48; copra 28.

ships, but might also destroy American ships, is an act of hostility which, if persisted in, would constitute a *casus belli*, and if we had Mr. Webster, or Mr. Marcey, or Mr. Everts in Washington as Secretary of State, prompt notice would be given that for any damage done Germany would be held responsible.

SILIMPON COAL.

BUNKERS

SANDAKAN & SEBATTIK
(British North Borneo).
At these ports steamers calling for bunker coal exclusively are exempt from all shipping dues and charges.

A. BUNE.

POST OFFICE.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ALTHOUGH EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION IS TAKEN TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF ALL POSTAL PACKETS WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE POST OFFICE THE POSTMASTER GENERAL CANNOT GIVE COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE WHICH MAY BE DUE TO THE ACT OF THE KING'S ENEMIES. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO LETTERS, BOXES, OR PARCELS FOR BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CRETTE, OR MONTENEGRO AND NO LETTERS, BOXES OR PARCELS FOR MALTA CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR INSURANCE.

War risks are not covered by postal registration or insurance.

THE PARCEL POST AND INSURED LETTER SYSTEM TO BRAZIL IS SUSPENDED.

The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are also the Parcel Post services to France & Tsingtau.

British Postal Orders are now on sale at the Sai Yung Poon Branch Post Office.

The Public are advised to post early as there is a danger of late posted correspondence missing the mail owing to the censorship.

Commencing from Friday, 19th instant afternoon Mail for Canton will close at the General Post Office at 6 p.m. No late bag will be closed on board the steamer.

The Pillar Box formerly at the junction of Kimberley and Nathan Roads has been removed to the junction of Austin Avenue and Kimberley Road.

The Atlantic, with the American Mail, ex China, is scheduled to arrive here on 20th inst.

The Luchow, with the Mail from London (via Siberia) of Friday, the 19th ult. is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 21st inst.

The Yanku Maru, with the Mail from London (via Nagasaki) is due to arrive here on Monday, the 22nd inst.

MAILS DUE.

American, Atlantic, 20th inst.
Siberian, Luchow, 21st inst.
English, Yanku Maru, 22nd inst.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Pakhol & Halphong—Per HANOI, 20th inst., 9 a.m.
Pakhol & Halphong—Per KAIFONG, 20th inst., 10 a.m.

Straits—FOOSHONG, 20th Mar. 10 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok—Per DRUFAR, 20th inst. 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe.—Per ATLANTIQUE, 20th inst., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, via Moji, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma and United Kingdom via Canada, (Europe via Siberia).—Per CHICAGO MARU, 20th Mar. 1 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P.O. Thursday, the 25th March.)

Philippine Is.—Per YUENSANG, 20th inst. 2 p.m.

Formosa via Takao.—Per UME MARU, 20th inst. 3 p.m.

Holhow, Tourane & Quinhon.—Per VARG, 20th inst. 4 p.m.

Swatow, Wei-hai-wei & Tientsin.—Per CHONGSHING, 20th Mar. 4 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia).—LIANG-CHOW, 20th inst. 4 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P.O. Friday, 25th March.)

SUNDAY, 21st March.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow.—Per KAIJO MARU, 21st inst., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui.—Per DALIN M., 21st inst., 9 a.m.

Saigon.—Per DERWENT, 21st inst., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 23rd March.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C., Seattle, Wash.—Per MINNEBOTA, 27th inst., 11 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P.O. Friday, 25th March.)

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow.—Per HAI-CHING, 23rd inst., noon.

Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 23rd Mar. 3 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China.—Per KAM-CHOW, 23rd inst., 3 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Tungchow, Br. s.s. Bennet, 18th inst.—Swatow, 17th inst. Ballast—B. & S.

Chingchow, Br. s.s. 1,195, J. Doyle, 18th inst.—Port Parsaval, 15th inst. Lime Stone—S. T. & Co.

Borneo Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,411, H. Kawai, 18th inst.—Sourabaya, 7th inst. Gen.—D. & Co.

Telemachus, Br. s.s. 4,805, J. H. Goodwin, 18th inst.—Shanghai, Gen.—D. & Co.

Atrous, Br. s.s. 4,200, J. L. Williamson, 19th inst.—Singapore, 15th inst. Gen.—B. & S.

Saint Egbert, Br. s.s. 3,553, G. Altkon, 19th inst.—Manila, 16th inst. Gen.—D. & Co.

City of Corinth, Br. s.s. 3,773, Gordon, 19th inst.—Shanghai, Case Oil—S. T. & Co.

Hangchow, Br. s.s. 1,356, Wilds, 19th inst.—Canton, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Nora, Br. s.s. 4,188, D. Asbury, 19th inst.—Singapore, 14th inst. Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTED.

March 18.

Pakhol for Hankow
Yatshing for Calcutta via Singapore
Anhui for Shanghai
Agapenor for Yokohama via Moji
Chiphong for Tientsin via Holhow
Kamor for Penang
S. Rickmers for Swatow
Lianchow for Canton
Halphong for Halphong via Holhow
Toonan for Shanghai

CLEARANCES AT THE
HARBOUR OFFICE.

March 18.

Elger for Newchwang, Chefoo & Dulay.
Mexico City for Saigon
Pheumpen for Saigon

March 19.

Tabchee for Manila & San Francisco
Halphong for Saigon
Huanan for Newchwang via Shanghai
Itala for Yokohama via Shanghai
Suikaf for K. O. Wan
Wada Maru for Takao
Yawata Maru for Moji
Hokkaido Maru for Takao
Hangchow for Saigon
Hainan for Poochow via Swatow
Telemachus for Liverpool via Singapore
Nora for Yokohama via Shanghai

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Atrous from Liverpool.—Mr & Mrs Smith.

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WEDNESDAY, 24th March.

Holhow & Pakhol—Per WENCHOW, 24th inst., 9 a.m.

Sandakan.—Per MAUSANG, 24th inst., 11 a.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta.—Per NAMSANG, 24th inst., 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 25th March.

Straits, Ceylon, Marseilles & London.—Per SUWA M., 25th inst. 10 a.m.

Tientsin.—Per HUICHOW, 25th inst., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, S. America & Canada via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia).—Per CHIYO M., 25th inst. 11 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 29th inst.)

P. O. Monday.—Per LUICHOW, Shanghai & N. China.—Per LUICHOW, 25th inst., 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26th March.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe, Late Letters 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Extra Postage 10 cents) Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail. The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday the 25th inst. at 5 p.m.—Per NUBIA, 26th inst. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow.—Per HAITAN, 26th inst., noon.

SATURDAY, 27th March.

Philippine Is., Japan via Nagasaki & Seattle, Wash.—Per MINNEBOTA, 27th inst., 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, 30th March.

Philippine Is. & S. America.—Per CHINHUA, 30th inst., 3 p.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 19th at 11.25—Pressure has increased slightly over the Philippines and Annam, and decreased slightly to moderate at all other stations. It is highest over South China, where the weakening anticyclone now appears to be central. A depression is crossing the Sea of Japan.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	Light N. to E. winds; fine, some fog or mist.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

19th Mar. a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Westcoast	7a	29.59	24	10	ne	4	s
Yamuro	6a	29.59					
Hakodate	"	29.79					
Tokio	"	29.89			wn	1	s
Koshi	"	29.93			w	5	s
Nagasaki	"	29.97			wn	2	s
K'agima	"	30.02			w	1	s
Odessa	"	30.15			n	1	s
Yokohama	"	30.17			n	1	s
Choofoo	"	30.12			n	1	s
Wharvel	"	30.13	33	69	nw	7	b
Hankow	"						
Ichang	"						
Kiungking	"						
Chungking	"						
Shanghai	"	30.12	41		sw	2	bm
Gutzlaff	"	30.08	47		w	4	b
Sharp P.	7a	30.17	52	63	w	1	b
Amoy	6a	30.12	52	85	sw	1	b
Swatow	"	30.13	54	92			
Taihou	5a	30.15	54				
Tamsui	"	30.13	59		nno	2	b
Koshun	"	30.11	64				
P'oores	"	30.14	61		n	4	b
Canton	6a	30.19	52	100	w	0	b
H'kong	"	30.17	57	85	ne	1	b
Gay Rock	"	30.17	57	85	ne	1	b
Macao	"	30.13	54	83	n	4	b
Yachow	"						
Pakhol	"						
Holhow	"	30.20	61	83	nw	1	b
Phulien	6a	30.10	66		nw	0	b
Tourane	"						
O. St. J.	"	30.04	68	92	sw	1	b
Agapenor	"	29.95	72	91	nw	1	b
Dagupan	"	29.99	68	92			
Manila	"	29.98	77	84	une	1	b
Legaspi	"	29.97	75	92	nw	2	b
Tacloban	"	29.94	77	86	n	4	b
Iloilo	6a	29.94	77	86	n	4	b
Burgas	"	29.95	75	85			
Lubuan	"						

O. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 19.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, o detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
at 5 p.m.	at 5 a.m.	at 5 a.m.	at 5 p.m.
Barometer	30.25	30.23	30.19
Temperature	63	57	68
Humidity	66	85	56
Wind Direction	W		W
Force	1	0	2
Weather	c	bf	b
Rain			
Highest open air Temperature on the 19th	66		
Lowest	55		
H.K. Observatory, 19th March.			
O. W. JEFFRIES, Director.			

TIDE TABLE.

15th Mar. to 21st Mar. 1915.

Day.	Tide.	High Water		Low Water	
		Mean.	Time.	Mean.	Time.
Mon.	15	m 9	87	m 3	7
Tues.	16	m 9	81	m 3	7
Wed.	17	m 10	74	m 4	3
Thur.	18	m 10	68	m 4	3
Fri.	19	m 10	62	m 4	3
Sat.	20	m 10	56	m 4	3
Sun.	21	m 10	50	m 4	3

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